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To: Local Licensing Authorities
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Subject: 2006 Calendar of Holidays
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The following is a list of legal holidays and the dates on which they will be observed for
Calendar Year 2006.

Please save this calendar of holidays and holiday hours for **2006** and share it with your licensees.
If there are any questions, please call the ABCC.

1. All licensees **MAY** sell or deliver alcoholic beverages on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 16
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20
Evacuation Day*	Friday, March 17
Patriots' Day	Monday, April 17
Bunker Hill Day*	Saturday, June 17
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veterans' Day	Saturday, November 11

* Holiday in Suffolk County only

Package stores **MAY** remain open until 11:30 p.m. on the day immediately before these holidays.

2. Package stores, manufacturers*, wholesalers and importers* **MAY NOT** sell or deliver alcoholic beverages on the following holidays:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Thanksgiving Day*	Thursday, November 23
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25

* Except to Section 14 licensees

Hotels, restaurants, taverns and clubs **MAY** sell alcoholic beverages during the regular hours on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2006

Registered pharmacists **MAY NOT** sell alcoholic beverages (or alcohol) at any time during the day except upon the prescription of a registered physician on all mentioned holidays.

SUNDAY SALES BY SECTION 15 LICENSEES ANNUALLY ON A STATEWIDE BASIS.

Effective April 5, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Acts 2004, Chapter 65, Sections 21 and 22, any section 15 (off-premise) licensee may make sales on Sundays, subject to the conditions that: there shall be no sales prior to the hour of 12:00 noon; that establishments which employ more than 7 persons shall compensate all employees a rate of not less than one and one-half of the employee's regular rate; no employee shall be required to work on a Sunday and refusal to work on a Sunday shall not be grounds for discrimination, dismissal, discharge, deduction of hours or any other penalty. No additional permit or approval is required any longer from the local licensing authority. A municipality may prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays annually by Section 15 (off-premise) licensees by vote of the city council or board of selectmen.

Any section 15 (off-premise) licensee that conducts business on a Sunday as provided by the law may cease the conduct of business on 1 day of the week notwithstanding the provisions of Section 77 of Chapter 138. M.G.L. c. 138, §33(c), as inserted by Acts 2003, chapter 141, section 32.